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For: INSULATION DISPLACEMENT CONTACT AND CONNECTOR

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please replace the Abstract with the attached revised Abstract.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please replace the original claims with the following new claims:

1. (Amended) An insulation displacement contact, comprising:

a slotted, sprung contact region as a contact-making slot formed on a connecting bracket; and

an outer spring clip surrounding and reinforcing the contact region, wherein the spring clip forms an insulation displacement blade in at least one end region, the blade in the at least one end region forming an entry region capable of cutting and located in front of the contact region.